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Here's 2 pictures from last Friday's hearing:

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As you can see, all of you did an amazing job providing a SUPER TALL stack of written testimony against the bill (you should all feel very proud of that!!!).

And here was the government's response to it (after 20 seconds of me speaking, a security guard was called over to tell me my time was up, the light was red, and to leave immediately):

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That was last Friday.

Yesterday, I went down to Olympia to testify again on a different bill (this bill was introduced two days ago, a last minute hearing was held yesterday, and it's gonna be voted on TODAY -- the bill exempts legislators from the public records act).

Here's my prepared remarks (what I had *planned* to say):

*"Tim Eyman from Mukilteo.*

*"What I find galling and offensive about this bill is the message it sends: that if a bill helps powerful legislators or powerful special interests, the rules don't apply. This bill is by legislators, for legislators, and solely for the benefit of powerful legislators.*

*"And it is so hypocritical.*

*"For weeks, legislators have received hundreds and hundreds of emails and phone calls from regular citizens begging and pleading with you to oppose Senate Bill 5397 because it forces people who want to collect signatures for initiatives to be put in physical danger. To be registered, licensed, trained, photo headshots, criminal background checks, drivers licenses, names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers which will chill and infringe on the First Amendment.*

*"But legislators are coldly, callously ignoring these pleas and concerns because these regular citizens aren't powerful.*

*"But here we are today, listening to powerful legislators hypocritically*

*saying their free speech rights will be chilled and infringed without this bill's protections. Now that it's your ox being gored, and it's all about you, and your right to speak, and your First Amendment rights, special protections are suddenly shoved forward, rules and deadlines suspended, and made a priority.*

*"So it's one set of rules for the powerful, another set for regular citizens.*

*"It's hard for citizens to choke down your hypocrisy."*

*-- END --*

I was allowed 5 minutes to speak. The above statement would've taken about a minute.

**But my words were just too scary, too awful, too critical. So I was gaveled down, I was admonished, I was silenced, all because I was criticizing legislators at a public hearing.**

Click on this to watch it yourself (it only lasts about a minute):

<https://tinyurl.com/ycj3qxrw>

**It is truly offensive how disrespectful legislators are toward the First Amendment and the free exercise of it by regular citizens. What a bunch of snowflakes they are. As they consider imposing laws on us that strip away our freedom, dilute our liberty, and reduce our take-home pay, they want us to be nice and polite and to raise our objections with civility and respect.**

**But their legislation is so objectionable, so impolite, so uncivil, so disrespectful of the citizens' rights, that it is simply absurd to expect the people to not be furious about it. And what is our method of fighting back? With words. Phrases. Expressions of outrage delivered in a calm, firm voice.**

**Is it really too much for their tender sensibilities to have to listen to a statement from a regular citizen at a public hearing?**

**The best thing all of our supporters can do at this point is to bury legislators' inboxes with emails. Tell them what you think.**

**Express yourself.**

**The best way to protect a right is to exercise that right.**

**Send them an email that says this or something like this:**

*"I am beyond furious: I have every right as a citizen to express my outrage at legislators' duplicity and hypocrisy, especially when it comes to anti-initiative bills like SB 5397. The ACLU, Institute for Justice, and other attorneys have highlighted how this bill infringes on the First Amendment by requiring people who collect initiative signatures to be registered, licensed, trained, etc. Petitioning is a guaranteed First Amendment right and this bill will chill and deter participation in that right. Why are you only concerned with the First Amendment when it's your own? And I am truly incensed that at a*

*time when government coffers are overflowing with tax revenue, that there's a capital gains income tax being pushed with HB 2967. Everyone knows that this bill is a camel's nose under the tent that, if passed, will result in an income tax being imposed on every taxpayer at every income level. It's one thing to push these bills through the process with open debate and discussion at public hearings. It's quite another to shut down dissent, squelch speech, and use fascist tactics to avoid criticism. You are elected to represent us, not rule over us. Protect the initiative process by opposing SB 5397 and protect my pocketbook by rejecting HB 2967."*

Subject line: I have every right to express my outrage at these offensive bills: I ask you to oppose SB 5397 which attacks the initiative process and I ask you to oppose HB 2967 which imposes a new capital gains income tax.

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